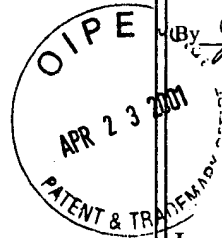


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In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2001, the applicant hereby elects the embodiment shown in Figs. 4-12 for further prosecution on the merits. Since all of the claims in the application are directed to a drive mechanism comprising a crank arm and a drive member, and since the drive member (17) shown in Figs. 4-12 has a smooth inner peripheral surface, it is respectfully submitted that the crank arm and drive member shown in Fig. 2B is used with that embodiment. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 14-15, 19-25, 31-32 and 35-37 read on that embodiment.

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